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2nd Level Press Conference, JSC, around 12:00 noon, Friday, June 22.

Participants:

Schneider
Kleinknecht
Shaffer, Flight Ops
Slayton
Dietlein
DOD Rep.
et al ?

Dr. Berry:

The following are my notes from this press conference (I only took Dietlein's portion and a few other items from others).

SCHNEIDER: 90% of most experiments were completed. Some well over 100% of what planned. 28 days of OG. From what we have seen, conditions favorable for 56-day mission. Date for SL3 July 27 or 28 - now looks like 28th - will know later. 133 1/3% of mission objectives done.

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QUERY: Dr. Hawkins said there would a 10-minute medical conference before anything happened. Pete came out of hatch before any conference.

DIETLEIN: SP taking pulse and blood pressure of other two crew members prior to opening of hatch.

QUERY: DID Kerwin talk to Dr. Ross?

DIETLEIN: Sure he did at 10:04 am - quick medical look.

QUERY: Were pressure devices used by crewmen at all?

DIETLEIN: Yes. Leg garment was used on one crew member. 25 minutes after splashdown-light headedness and dizziness of one crew member.

Following statements by Dietlein in answer to several queries:

DIETLEIN: Some dizziness at 2G - some lightheadedness. Generated by head movements on board. Only one crewman needed garment inflight. Inflated Pete's blood pressure was 110, Kerwin's 95 when inflated and 130 after inflation.

On water and in spacecraft lightheadedness and dizziness by SP and CM.
No symptoms were reported from Commander. In case of SP blood pressure
low and lightheaded 25 mins after splashdown - then elected to inflate suit.
Kerwin seemed to walk in unusual way - legs asleep. Wide based gait.

SLAYTON here said specially when you walk with inflated suit.

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DIETLEIN: SP 105 pulse 84 sitting position. P 95 pulse 75 sitting position.

Blood pressure took periodically from splashdown on.

Really, strong change was on SP which 95 because of lightheadedness work progressed - it was 65

was elected to inflate suit. We did see some LBNP in the flight.

Cannot answer question if crew had called wives. Made contact with crewmen at 10:04.

Dr. Dietlein was asked if he had had report from Ross on general condition. Here, Dr. Dietlein was incoherent - said they looked good - that vestibular conditions from head movements looked good, etc.

DIETLEIN: Pete in excellent physical condition and lot of individual variation - cited Shepard's not gaining weight in flight.

QUERY: What if Kerwin stayed up 2 or 3 more weeks in reference to 56-day mission.

DIETLEIN: Deconditioning phenomenon has been observed following practically all flights. Can only speculate - could not affect performance in 56-day flight. Studies have shown deconditioning would stabilize - we expect to see this on 56-day.

Doing medical tests now. Kerwin's tests will take a little longer - he will not be required to wear garment indefinitely.

One of NASA Management said crew to come to Houston maybe not until Monday.

Maggie Taylor

cc: Dr. McLaughlin